

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING CONNECTIONS TO THE
CITY'S WATER AND SANITARY SEWER UTILITIES
AND APPLICABLE FEES**

WHEREAS, the City of Rolling Meadows, as a home rule unit of local government as provided by Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, has the authority to exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs including the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule authority and applicable sections of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1 *et seq.*), the City may, but is not required, to provide water and sewer service to users outside of its corporate limits and may charge higher rates for doing so in order to allow the City to obtain a fair return to cover the cost of financing, constructing, operating, and maintaining said utilities; and

WHEREAS, the City's present policy is to support, encourage, and pursue the annexation of all remaining unincorporated areas adjacent to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City therefore desires to allow additional connections to its public water and sewer utility systems by unincorporated properties upon the condition that such properties annex or consent to annexation by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City additionally desires to update its fees for extraterritorial utility connections, which fees the City has determined will reasonably approximate the City's costs and expenses and provide a fair return given that the full costs of

financing, constructing, operating, and maintaining said utilities have and are supported by property tax collections within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City additionally desires to clarify certain sections of the Municipal Code concerning utility usage and connection fees in conjunction with the foregoing changes in order to improve the administration of the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the City of Rolling Meadows have therefore determined that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to amend the Municipal Code as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Rolling Meadows, Illinois:

Section 1: The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference as the findings of the Corporate Authorities.

Section 2: Creation of Section 110-2. Article I, entitled "In General," of Chapter 110, entitled "Utilities," of the Rolling Meadows Municipal Code is hereby amended to create a new Section 110-2 as follows [additions are **bold and double-underlined**; deletions are struck through]:

"Sec. 110-2 Required annexation by extraterritorial users of water and sewer systems.

The Director of Public Works may authorize connections to city water and sewer systems by users outside of the corporate limits of the city. It shall be an express condition of every such connection that the owners of any

property to be served shall either (1) petition for the voluntary annexation of their property to the city of Rolling Meadows; or (2), in the case of a property not currently contiguous to the corporate limits of the city, enter into a pre-annexation agreement with the city that allows the city to annex the property to the city of Rolling Meadows upon the property becoming contiguous to the corporate limits of the city. The foregoing conditions may only be waived by resolution of the Rolling Meadows City Council."

Section 3: Amendment to Section 110-59. Section 110-59, entitled "Rates and charges established," of Division 1, entitled "Generally," of Article III, entitled "Sewerage and Sewage Disposal," of Chapter 110, entitled "Utilities" of the Rolling Meadows Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows [additions are **bold and double-underlined**; deletions are ~~struck through~~]:

"Sec. 110-59 Rates and charges established.

- (a) There are established rates or charges for the use and for the service supplied by the sewer system of the city.
- (b) All users within the city shall pay a usage rate and an access-to-sewer fee in accordance with the schedule of rates, fees, fines and penalties as adopted by the city council from time to time and found in appendix B to this Code.
- (c) All sewer service only users shall pay a per month charge in accordance with the schedule of rates, fees, fines and penalties as adopted by the city council from time to time and found in appendix B to this Code.

- (d) A fee shall be paid for the installation of a connection to the municipal sanitary sewer system in accordance with the schedule of rates, fees, fines, and penalties as adopted by the city council from time to time and found in appendix B to this Code.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, all sewer users located partially or completely outside of the corporate limits shall ~~pay a surcharge based on 50 percent of their monthly bill to enable the recovery of indirect expenses associated with the public works department, such as building rent, overhead, etc., which support the sewer system, which are otherwise paid by property owners subject to real estate property taxation located within the corporate limits.~~ be charged:
- (1) A total of one hundred fifty percent (150%) of every applicable rate listed and set forth in appendix B to this Code for sanitary sewer usage, including, without limitation, gallonage fees and access-to-water fees.
- (2) A total of two hundred percent (200%) of every applicable rate listed and set forth in appendix B to this Code for connection to the municipal sanitary sewer system, provided that a fee of only one hundred percent (100%) (i.e. no surcharge) applies for properties that satisfy the conditions of connection provided in Section 110-2. No surcharge shall apply to any special connection charge

or private recapture fee assessed to recover from benefitted properties the cost of extending utility service.”

Section 4: Amendment to Section 110-243. Section 110-243, entitled “Charges for consumers outside city,” of Division 2, entitled “Administration,” of Article IV, entitled “Water,” of Chapter 110, entitled “Utilities” of the Rolling Meadows Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows [additions are **bold and double-underlined**; deletions are ~~struck through~~]:

“Sec. 110-243 Charges for consumers outside city.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, all users of the waterworks system whose premises lie partially or completely outside the corporate limits shall be charged:

- (a) A total of one hundred fifty percent (150%) additional to all of every applicable rates listed and set forth in this division appendix B to this Code for water usage, including, without limitation, gallonage fees and access-to-water fees.**
- (b) A total of two hundred percent (200%) of every applicable rate listed and set forth in appendix B to this Code for connection to the municipal water system, provided that a fee of only one hundred percent (100%) (i.e. no surcharge) applies for properties that satisfy the conditions of connection provided in Section 110-2. No surcharge shall apply to any special connection charge or private recapture fee assessed to recover from benefitted properties the cost of extending utility service.”**

Section 5: Repeal of Section 100-246. Section 110-246, entitled "Connection fee required," of Division 2, entitled "Administration," of Article IV, entitled "Water," of Chapter 110, entitled "Utilities" of the Rolling Meadows Municipal Code is hereby repealed in its entirety and reserved for future use.

Section 6: Repeal and Replacement of Section 110-300. Section 110-300, entitled "Water System Installation Connection Fee," of Division 4, entitled "Water System Installation Connection Fee," of Article IV, entitled "Water," of Chapter 110, entitled "Utilities" of the Rolling Meadows Municipal Code is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with a new Section 110-300 as follows:

"Sec. 110-300 Water System Installation Connection Fee

Subject to the provisions of this Division 4, a fee shall be paid for the installation of a connection to the municipal water system in accordance with the schedule of rates, fees, fines, and penalties as adopted by the city council from time to time and found in appendix B to this Code."

Section 7: Repeal of Section 100-303. Section 110-303, entitled "Existing water service connections," of Division 4, entitled "Water System Installation Connection Fee," of Article IV, entitled "Water," of Chapter 110, entitled "Utilities" of the Rolling Meadows Municipal Code is hereby repealed in its entirety and reserved for future use.

Section 8: Amendment to Connection Fees. Section VI, entitled "Building and construction fees," of Appendix B, entitled "Schedule of Rates, Fees, Fines and Penalties" of the Rolling Meadows Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows [additions are **bold and double-underlined**; deletions are ~~struck through~~]:

"24. *Water connection fees:*

[...]

d. ~~Water system installation connection fee. (Pursuant to Sec. 110-300) These water system connection fees may in some circumstances be increased to a total charge of two hundred percent (200%) of the listed fee for users whose premises lie partially or completely outside of the corporate limits of the City; see Section 110-243.~~

[...]

i. **Connection fees applicable to the replacement of existing water service connections. No credit towards the above connection fees is provided for existing water service connections except that, in the case of a residential redevelopment, the following modifications apply:**

Existing Water Service Size	New Water Service Size	Modified Charge
<u>0.75 or 1 inch</u>	<u>1 inch</u>	<u>No charge</u>
<u>0.75 or 1 inch</u>	<u>1.01 to 2 inch</u>	<u>50% of base fee</u>
<u>0.75 to 2 inch</u>	<u>Greater than 2 inch</u>	<u>75% of base fee</u>

[...]

26. *Sanitary sewer connection fees:* The fee for the installation, alteration or extension of a sewer system shall be:

(1) Fee for sanitary sewer service connections are as follows:

[...]

f. ~~In each instance above where the permit is issued for sanitary and/or storm sewer connections lying outside~~

~~the corporate limits of the city, the fee for such permit shall be 200 percent of such fees listed hereinabove in order to cover the additional costs and inspections thereof. [...]~~ **These sanitary sewer system connection fees may in some circumstances be increased to a total charge of two hundred percent (200%) of the listed fee for users whose premises lie partially or completely outside of the corporate limits of the City; see Section 110-59."**

Section 9: If any provision of this Ordinance or part thereof is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, and shall be interpreted, applied, and enforced so as to achieve, as near as may be, the purpose and intent of this Ordinance to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law.

Section 10: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form in the manner provided by law.

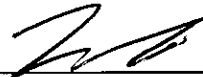
[Signature page follows.]

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Rolling Meadows, Cook
County, Illinois this 10th day of November, 2025.

AYES: Budmats, O'Brien, Vinezeano, Boucher, Reyez

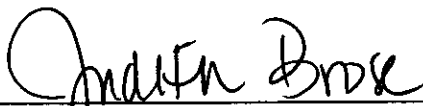
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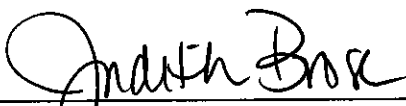
Lara Sanoica, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judith Brose, Deputy City Clerk

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